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The growing custom among American horsemen of riding bareheaded is not generally known among Europeans, and in some cases has caused gather amusing misunderstandings. A recent arrival from Paris relates the following experience of a French

mounted policeman.
One evening Pierre Deloire, mounted gendarme, was riding slowly in the Bois de Boulogne, bemoaning the unkind fate which gave him no opportunity for showing his skii! and bravery.

"Why couldn't I have been among those sent to disperse the rioters in the Rue Chabrol?" he thought. "And the week before, why couldn't that horse have waited until I was on duty before running away with the rich

But here his thoughts were suddenly interrupted by a quick clattering of hoofs behind him. He drew rein, and as he turned his head, a horse with hatless rider dashed by him like a "A chance at last!" thought Pierre

as he drove his spurs savagely into the little mare's sides and started in mad pursuit up the Bois. "Runaway! runaway runaway!" sounded the fugitive's hoofs upon the

road.
"After you! after you! after you!"
pattered the little French mare as she
gradually lessened the distance be-

ween them. On they tore. Once, under an arc tween them.

light, the man ahead turned halfway in his saddle and looked back over his shoulder for an instant. The vision of that set face made Pierre renew his efforts, and the little French mare re-sponded nobly. After you, after you, after you!" she pattered, and soon only a length separated the two. Three hundred yards more and they would be on even terms. Now on the right, some two hundred paces up the road, the lights of the Cafe Madrid came

"Sapristi, the cafe!" shouted Pierre hoping that the hatless rider might still have enough control to guide his horse from the tables and windows

that meant his certain destruction. "Yes, the cafe!" answered back the other in a voice that evidently showed But the mad horse seemed attracted by the lights and did not change his

course. Pierre was desperate. Now the little mare was even with the oth-er's saddle girths, but there were those tables only fifty yards away. Now they were neck and neck. Both horses with nostrils dilated and blood-shot eyes, were straining every muscle. As they went tearing through the gateway, the little mare forged her nose slightly to the fore, and Pierre was just reaching over to grasp the rein, when, as if by magic, the runaway

You have won, M'sieur," drawled its rider with a slight American accent. "What will you have to drink?" had aiready

But Pierre Deloire turned his horse toward the Bois, and vas once more cursing at unkind fate pretaining to Americans.

As two jackals and a fox were traveling in company they came upon a dead chicken lying on the ground, and at once there was a quarrel between the jackals as to which should have the prize. They finally settled it by dividing the chicken between them, leaving the fox entirely out of the affair. An owi who had observed the proceedings asked the fox:
"But where do you come into this thing, Mr. Reynard?"

"Oh, I take my share in natural phil-

osophy," replied the fox. "Firstly, that chicken was killed and placed here for an object. Secondly, the body was poisoned, and thirdly, there go those jackals tumbling about and making their last kicks. MORAL

"And I may say further," observed Reynard, as he scratched his ear with his paw, "that when you are offered something for nothing it's a good idea to let somebody else sample it first."

A woodman who was passing through the forest came upon a bear who was rolling over and over on the ground and uttering the most dismal complaints. Bruin had one eye closed and was covered from head to heels with lumps and knobs and knots. "What cheer?" gayly cried the wood man, as he drew nearer.
"Bees!" moaned the bear.

"But nature gave you a coat of fur to protect you from the stings of bees.
"So she did," answered the bear, but she also made me fool enough to want honey just the same when I was shedding my coat, and every sting would lift me a foot higher." MORAL:

None of us is ever satisfied with good thing.

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"What kind of a dog is that, papa?" asked a small Johnny, as he observed the big animal chasing his own tail.

"That's a watch-dog," replied the

father. "And will be go as soon as he winds himself up?" asked Johnny.-Chicago News.

It was the first time little four yearold Willie had ever seen a snake, and as it writhed and squirmed along he ran into the house to tell of his discovery. "Oh, mamma," he exclaimed, "come here quick. Here's a tail wagging without any dog!"-Chicago A little girl who had been sent to

school for the first time, on her return confessed to her mother, that she did not like it. "The teacher put me on a chair," she explained, "and told me to sit there for the present, and I sat and sat, but she never gave me any present." History is all the time having new readings, and some of the best of them come from the mouths of children.

"When Rome was burning, the Emperor Nero was playing a fiddle," so the teacher tol! Robbic. And this is what Robbie told his mother that evening, "The Emperor Nero was playing a fiddle so they burned Rome In a car a small boy was observed to

be suddenly agitated, but regained his self-control after a few moments. Soon after the conductor came to ask his fare. There was a slight pause, and the passengers were surprised to hear the following: "Pleathe charge it to my papa; I've thwallowed the money." There was a disagreement, and the mother undertook to straighten things

"Why can't you play nicely?" she "Cause he wants to boss things," answered the younger. "He wants me to play I'm president of the United

"Well, why don't you?"

"Cause it's my turn to be Dewey."-

Chicago Evening Post. The other evening at dinner the face of four-year-old Edith was lighted up with unusual beauty, and her dark eyes had a dreamy, far-away look that prompted her mother to ask, "What are you thinking about, darling?"

"Oh," replied the little miss, "I was just wondering whether you chewed your pudding or swallowed it whole.' -Chicago News.

Danny's father, who is a farmer and stock-grower, took several car-loads of hogs reared on his farm to Chicago, where he sold them to a great pork-packing firm. While in Chicago Danny's father received the following letter from the little boy:

"Dear Papa:-Did you see Mr. Arm or kill the big fat hog with the black tale, and didn't he think it was a busster? I was sorry to see the hogs leave the farm, and you most of all. Your



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MARYLAND FOLKLORE.

Interesting stories drawn from the folklore of Maryland, particularly that of the western part of the State, were told recently by members of the Folklore society at their meeting in Donovan Room of Johns Hopkins University. Mr. Crum, who is a native of Frederick county and a graduate of Johns Hopkins University under Prof. Newcomb, in the department of mathe matics, contributed a paper on "Witch Stories and Conjuring." Some of the superstitions he told of were as fol-

"A Hunting Charm-Whenever you kill a bear, deer, or turkey dip a number of bullet patches in the fresh blood of the animal. You must on no account give any of these patches away. When you are out hunting again for the same kind of game load as follows: Take a bloody patch, well greased, place your bullet on it, then cross yourself and, as you push the bullet home, repeat: 'Good luck! Good luck!' You will certainly bring home game of the same kind as that whose blood was on the patch. Do not keep the patches near your bed or in your sleeping room. The spirits make a noise in the box where the patches are and will not let you sleep. The sound is like a watch ticking, but it gets louder and louder, until you cannot sleep.

"Witch Killing-If horses are so badly bewitched that one dies the following will deprive the witch of her power. Take the dead horse out into a field and burn the carcass beside a tree. First cut a cross in the tree, then drive a nail in at the cross. Now take your rifle which must be loaded with a silver bullet, choose a position so that the are is between you and the tree and shoot over the fire at the nail. When you hit the nail the witch will lose her power, and you cannot miss with the silver bullet.

"To Sell One's Self to the Devil-Go to the crossroads at midnight alone and play on the banjo. If you really want to sell yourself two black dogs will appear and will dance as you play.
Then you promise something fearful.
Any one who thus sold himself was said to be able to outplay and outdance any competitors.

"A Method for a Girl to Try Her Fortune-Put an egg to the fire and sit an hour. The wind will howl and the dogs bark and the man you are to marry will come in and turn the egg around. If the egg bursts you will die for, possibly, my informant adds, you will never marry."-Baltimore Sun. CUT OFF AT NINETY-THREE

Boers Who Lamented the Early Demise of a Successful Ancestor.

The English have governed in South Africa for 100 years, driving into the desert the Dutch who wish to be independent. But the strange Boer racewhich is not exactly Dutch, but a mix-ture of several races, including almost as strong an admixture of French Huguenot blood as the blood of Holland, and including also a dash of German English and Scottish--always comes uppermost in the affairs of the colon-

At this day the "Afrikanders," or Dutch-speaking colonials, bear sway by virtue of their majority in Cape Colony itself. An Austrian traveler, Herr von Hubner, tells why this is so. The Boers love South Africa, and have no desire to live anywhere else. ve taken deep root in the soil They have completely adapted themselves to the climate and conditions of They live to a great age, and great families of children are born to

Herr von Hubner visited a family of French Huguenot origin, Hugo by name, which was in mourning for the head of the family. The family had mostly assembled on account of the old man's death, and there was a great

crowd. "How many descendants did Herr Hugo leave?" the visitor asked.
"He had 292 in all," was the answer but there are only 211 living now. "All children and grandchildren?"

"And great-grandchildren and greatgreat-grandchildren." "How did he happen to die?" "That is what no one can tell," they answered, shaking their heads. never had a sick day in his life, he nev

er took to his bed, and he seemed to

drop off all at once. It is a profound "But how old was he?"

"Only 93." No such English-speaking partriarchs as this are found. The English abandon the country as soon as they can; if they must remain to complete the making of a fortune, or to earn a livelihood, they send their children "home" to England to be educated.

The Boers of French origin are proud of it, and even call themselves French sometimes, but they do not speak a word of the French language. They are as completely assimilated to the Boer nationality as any European emigrant in the second generation in America is to our.

Busiest Drawbridge iu all New York. What probably is the busiest draw bridge in the country crosses New town Creek, between Greenpoint and Long Island City. The span is about a quarter of a mile from the mouth of the creek, where it enters the East river, and so practically all the traffic into and out of this noisome but busy waterway passes between its

abutments.

Last Wednesday there passed through in the single day 720 vessels. It is not uncommon to see three to six vessels pass at one opening of the draw. Some of the tugs are arranged so that the draw need not be opened to permit of their passing. The fun-nels of these little "puffers," as they are called on the bridge, are hinged, and when they approach without a tow the funnels are dropped and there is room enough for them to pass under the bridge without trouble to the men who turn the long crank that swings the draw—for the bridge is not fitted with the steam appliance by which this is accomplished on other similar

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